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ction to the highest bidder,
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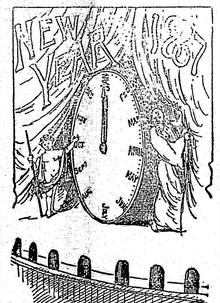

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NEW YEAR'S RESOLVE.

As the dead year is clasped by a dead December,
So let your dead sins with your dead days lie.
A new life is yours, and a new hope! Remember
We build our own ladders to climb to the sky.
Stand out in the sunlight of promise, forgetting
Whatever your past held of sorrow or wrong;
We waste half our strength in a useless regretting;
We sit by old tombs in the dark too long.

Have you missed in your aim? Well, the mark is still shining;
Did you faint in the race? well, take breath for the next:
Did the clouds drive you back? but see yonder their lining;
Were you tempted and fell? let it serve for a text.

As each year hurries by let it join that procession
Of skeleton shapes that march down to the past,
While you take your place in the line of progression,
With your eyes on the heavens, your face to the blast.

I tell you the future can hold no terrors
For any sad soul while the stars revolve,
If he will but stand firm on the grave of his errors,
And instead of regretting, resolve, resolve!
It is never too late to begin rebuilding.
Though all into ruin your life seems hurled.
For look! how the light of the new year is gilding
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—Ella Wheeler-Wilcox.

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But I cannot stop now to tell any more,
For you're all so anxious to see
The nice little presents that Santa has brought
And hung in the Christmas tree.

[Written for the Advertiser.]

The Bethel Soldiers of '61, No. 26.

Of Bethel men there enlisted in Co. G, of Col. Beal's 10th Regt. Maine Vols. Corp. Edward Goddard, and privates Nathan C. Estes, Charles L. Lapham and Josiah A. Brown. Goddard was taken prisoner at Winchester, Va., during Banks' Retreat, and Estes was wounded at Cedar Mountain.

In Co. H, 13th Regt. commanded by Col. Neal Dow and upon his promotion to Brig. Genl., by Col. Harry Rust, jr., were Capt. Abernethy Grover, who was soon promoted to Major, Lieut. Enoch Foster, jr., then of Newry, now of Bethel and an associate Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court of Maine, Sergts. Robbins B. Grover, soon promoted to 2nd Lieut., and Albert B. Richardson who had previously enlisted in the 1st Maine from Portland, Corps. John S. Chapman and Geo. H. Young; Mus. Charles H. Freeman, privates, H. C. Barker, E. J. Bean, Eli G. Brown, James C. Chapman, Albion C. Chapman, Cuvier G. Hardin, David C. Kennerson and G. F. Ellingwood. Hardin and Kennerson died at Ship Island in 1862.

The regiment was mustered into the service in the autumn of 1861, and joined which had been organized to capture New Orleans. After that city had been occupied by the Union troops, the regiment was stationed in forts Jackson and St. Philip on the Mississippi, but when Gen. Banks took command of the department, it was ordered into active service in the field and took an honorable part in the Red River and other campaigns, in Louisiana and in Sheridan's campaign in the Shenandoah Valley.

O'Neil W. Robinson, jr., was practicing law at Bethel when the war broke out. He was a native of that town and after fitting for college he entered the school at Brunswick, where he graduated in 1845. He read law with Hon. Elbridge Gerry at Waterford, Me., and was admitted to the bar in 1847. He was mustered into the service in the latter part of 1861 as Capt. of the 4th Maine Battery. In his command were the following enlisted men from Bethel:—Sergts., Melville C. Kimball and Solon Robertson, Corp. J. M. Freeman, Art. F. C. Bartlett and privates Ira W. Bean, Abial Chandler, jr., Henry P. Gates, Osmyn Smith, Oliver Y. Nutting and Austin F. Twitchell.

The artillery branch of the U. S. service von for itself in the war.

A Glory That Shall Never Fade.

Friend and foe pay equal tribute to its worth and efficiency on the field of battle. The fame of the Northern Artillery has gone out to the world in "characters of living light." In the Seven Days battles; at Antietam; at Corinth; at Chickamauga; in front of Atlanta but particularly at Gettysburg, where Pickett's hosts went down in defeat, it played an important part and formed an impassible barrier against which the yelling, charging cohorts of Treason unsuccessfully dashed themselves, as the waves of the sea, moved by the fury of the tempest, against the rocks. The Rebel generals admit the superiority of our Artillery and pay it the following compliment:—"The Confederate Infantry and Northern Artillery united could beat the world."

In 1863, Capt. Robinson became Chief of Artillery of the 3rd Corps with the rank of Major, a place he filled with great credit to himself as long as he remained in the service. Having shattered health, he died at Bethel shortly after coming out of the army in 1864.

At the call of Pres. Lincoln for troops to put down the Rebellion, Maj. Adelbert B. Twitchell enlisted in the 5th Maine as a private, in which capacity he served till he was appointed Q. M. Sergt. of the regiment. In Sept. '61 he was sent to Maine

On Recruiting Service,

and assisted in organizing the 5th Maine Battery of which he was commissioned 1st Lieut. It was placed in command of Capt. Geo. F. Leppien, an officer of experience in the regular army. Such was the management of this battery that after a year's service in the field the Chief of Artillery of the Army of the Potomac said: "No better battery than Leppien's can be found in the U. S. service either volunteer or regular." Leppien is said never to have experienced the sensation of fear. At Chancellorsville he was severely wounded in the leg. Amputation followed and finally he died at Washington on the 24th of May, 1863. I quote the following deserved tribute to his memory:—"He sleeps in a hero's grave. His life was short but it was long enough to fill up the full measure of true greatness. Possessed of all that could make this world desirable—wealth, culture, social position, grace of bearing, manly beauty, personal popularity—he yet accounted them all as nothing and gave himself to the cause which he regarded as the highest and holiest. Such a life, however brief was made full and perfect by such a death. Let us remember him with joy and gratitude and in after years, when in story and song, shall be told the brave deeds of the men of this great era, let no child of Maine forget the youthful hero, who on the bloody heights of the Rappahannock laid down his life in defending the honor of our flag and in upholding the glory of our State."

Lieut. Twitchell was promoted to Capt. and given command of the battery. In it were the following Bethel men:—Corps. S. P. Farwell, C. H. W. Farwell and E. P. Stevens, and privates, J. C. Bartlett, J. P. Holt and James Locke, jr. Capt. Twitchell was wounded at Chancellorsville, as was also J. C. Bartlett, while J. P. Holt was killed. Among the engagements in which the battery participated may be mentioned Cedar M., Rappahannock Station, Thoroughfare Gap, the 2nd Bull Run, Fredericksburg and Chancellorsville.

In the autumn of 1863, having recovered from his wounds, he proceeded to organize the 7th Maine Battery and was commissioned as its Capt. Dr. Wm. B. Lapham then of Woodstock, now of Augusta, was 1st Lieut. and afterward promoted to Capt.

Bethel soldiers of this battery:—Sergts. A. S. Twitchell, Howard Gould, A. M. Carter, Corps. J. T. Merrill, F. A. Smith, surgeon A. S. Chapman, privates J. W. Bean, Charles C. Burt, W. O. Carney, A. S. Cole, J. N. Frye, J. W. Gerrish, Geo. B. Howe, E. T. Harden, Charles Lapham, S. Mason, John Mason, T. S. Sims, A. F. Twitchell, Wm. L. Twitchell and C. W. Wormell.

Capt. Twitchell's battery was assigned to Gen. Wilcox's division of the 9th army corps and was in nearly all of the battles from the Wilderness to Petersburg and Richmond. Most of the time for ten months the battery was kept in an exposed position in front of Petersburg—at one time being

Forty-seven Consecutive Days Constantly Under Fire.

It was stationed at "Fort Hell," afterward called Fort Sedgwick in honor of Gen. Sedgwick who was killed at Spottsylvania, when the Rebel lines were assaulted and carried and was the only Maine battery pushed forward in pursuit of the enemy. For his gallant services during the seige Capt. Twitchell was promoted Major by brevet.

With this article our story of the Bethel soldiers ends. Much of it has been written hastily and it doubtless contains many errors. I regret the want of time now to do all the soldiers of that patriotic town full justice. The artillery branch of the service ought to be written up with as much care as was given to the infantry, and it should be divided into one should have taken at least a dozen articles, but I have not now the time to devote to it. It is expected that some time during the coming year, these articles will be revised and printed in book form, when "ample justice where 'tis owing" can be done. Much credit is due Gen. Edwards, Maj. Hastings, Sergt. True and others for valuable information, and if what has been written herein of the brave and gallant deeds of the Bethel soldiers, shall meet their approbation the writer will be abundantly repaid for all his time and trouble.

The record of the Maine men in the war is not excelled by that of the soldiers of any other State. Not one organization lost its colors on the field of battle. Examine the official records of its Cavalry—the best in the service; its Infantry second to none; its Artillery among the very first of excellent organizations, and it will be found that Maine, if not ahead in all, at least had no superior. Look into the record and it will be seen that a Massachusetts' Governor's statement of

The 1st Maine Cavalry

extended to all Maine Soldiers is not extravagant. "I will match that body of men," said he as that regiment of cavalry moved through Boston for the seat of war, "against the same number of troops to come into the world!" In a similar spirit after learning what I have, I ask where is there a town of the same number of inhabitants which can show a record during the great conflict of arms superior to that of our own Bethel?

END.

THE O. C. P. A. EXHIBIT, South Paris, Dec. 20th, 30th and 31st.

The Directors have issue the following:—

Breeding pen shall consist of one male and four females of one variety—Fowls or Chicks.

Langshans, Rose Comb White and Brown Leghorns, and any other standard Fowls or Chicks, not mentioned in Premium List, will be allowed to compete at our showwith other species.

The same Premiums will be paid on Dalmatian and other *distinct breeds* of Dogs, as those named in our list.

The interest in Dogs has proved far beyond our expectation, so that the Directors have been obliged to procure a separate hall for them. Accomodations for Dogs will be first-class, and they will be cared for by a special committee.

The Dog Show is not to be a little side issue hung on to attract attention, but is a distinct part of our show, and will be judged by an expert breeder. The same ticket admits to both halls.

ADDITIONAL SPECIALS.—Preston Pratt, breeder of High Class Wyandotts, Dark Brahmas, and Black Breasted Red Game Bantams, South Weymouth, Mass., for the best pair of Asiatics, exhibited by a boy or girl under 10 years of age, one setting of Dark Brahma Eggs, $3.00.

Same, for best pair in American Class, exhibited by a boy or girl under 10 years of age, one setting of B. B. R. Game Bantam Eggs, $2.00.

Same, for the highest scoring bird in the exhibition, one setting Wyandott Eggs, $3.00.

H. P. Clark, Wooster, Ohio, breeder of Game Fowl, for the best White Game Cock, one year's subscription to the Game Fowl Monthly, $1.00.

Same, for best Pit Game Hen, ditto.

Same, for best Brown Red Game Bantam, ditto.

THE GAME FOWL MONTHLY is a beautiful illustrated magazine, devoted exclusively to the interests of Game Fowl.

The Grand Trunk Officials have courteously consented to issue return tickets at single fare from stations on their line in Maine and New Hampshire. Good from Tuesday, Dec. 28th, to Saturday, Jan. 1st, inclusive. Also the Canadian Express Co. have kindly offered to return free to original shippers all birds shipped over their line.

All entries to the exhibition must be made to the Secretary, Horatio Woodbury, South Paris, Me., on or before December 25th, 1886, as none for competition will be received after that date.

EAST HEBRON.

Sure Haven Lodge gave a sociable last Wednesday evening, their members and other lodge members. A good delegation was present from Mountain Home Lodge. The hours were spent in a very pleasant and agreeable manner.

Hiram and Charles Keene moved Clinton Ripley's goods to his new home in Dixfield last Saturday. They found good sleighing a large part of the way.

Hiram Keene moved Mrs. Alonzo Records goods to Buckfield village last Thursday.

The Church and Good Templars will hold their Christmas Festival in union in Sure Haven Hall. The following committee was chosen to make arrangements, T. L. Rogers, W. H. Berry, S. H. Bonney, Mrs. W. H. Berry, Mrs. T. L. Rogers, Mrs. S. H. Bonney.

Rev. C. T. Keene was unable to preach last Sabbath on account of sickness. Social service was held in the evening.

Mrs. Henry Berry intends to go to Anson this week to visit her son, Lysander Berry, and take care of his wife, who is very low and her recovery very doubtful.

Rats are making sad depredations in cellars, grainaries and stables in this vicinity. S. E. Brown caught twenty in and around his buildings in a box trap. If any one knows of a sure remedy to clear them out we would be very thankful to learn the mystery.

Business is not very lively at present. All are hoping for better times, good employment and good sleighing.

HIRAM.

James Clemons of Brownfield, has moved into Dr. C. P. Hubbard's house at East Hiram.

Walter E. Manfield is visiting relatives in Boston, Mass.

Samuel Hayward of Charlton, Mass., is in town.

J. L. Hill has returned home from the Black Hills.

Prof. Foss gave two entertainments at the Grange Hall last week with his violin.

There will be a concert at Cong. church on Christmas eve.

Miss Chapman is teaching in the Spring district.

The Vice President of the City Brewery, Mr. J. Helmus, of Louisville, Ky., was entirely cured in one week of a severe attack of rheumatism by St. Jacobs Oil.

HARRISON.

The Baptist church is having a large increase both in numbers and in religious interest, under the pastorate of Rev. Geo. R. Hovey, of Newton, Mass. His text last Sabbath was found in St. Matthew xxii, 39, "And the second is like unto it. Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself."

The three churches unite and have a Christmas tree on Saturday evening, Dec. 25th, at the Town Hall. The Cong'l church takes the lead this year in the Christmas tree. The churches take turns yearly in going ahead in the Christmas matters.

There is a public temperance meeting Sunday evening.

Preaching in the Baptist church every Sunday by Rev. Geo. R. Hovey at 10:45 a. m. and 6 p. m., and prayer meetings Wednesday eve at 7:30 p. m. Preaching at the Free Will house the same hours by Rev. Mr. Smith.

T. M. Tolman is going to Manchester, N. H., with his family to spend the winter. L.

Matters are very quiet in this vicinity of late, and seem likely to remain so during the winter. Business is very fair, and all of the establishments at the Village are quite busy. Judging from the reports that are in circulation, T. H. Ricker & Sons is one of the busiest of firms, and are running their machine-shop to its full capacity.

Rev. Mr. Hovey of Massachusetts, a young theological student, is temporarily supplying the pulpit at the Baptist church, the society being without a perm

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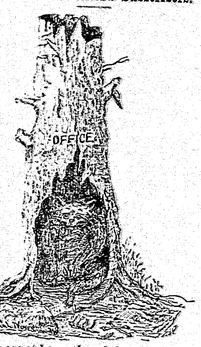
To the Advertiser's Subscribers.



We are at home though in winter quarters, and prepared to receive renewals of subscriptions. The paid up time of many of the patrons of the ADVERTISER expires next week.

We hope all the old ones will renew and we trust they will invite their neighbors and friends to become subscribers. If each old friend would bring us the name of a new one it would make a large increase in the number of our patrons.

The price of the ADVERTISER is $1.50 cash in advance, $2.00 if paid within the year and $2.75 if payment is deferred more than twelve months.

We club the ADVERTISER with all the leading papers, periodicals and magazines in America and in many instances can save our subscribers something on the publishers' prices. This we gladly do and the only condition is that you or some member of your family are paid up subscribers to the ADVERTISER.

Look at the address label on your paper and see what that has to say. "20 June 5" means that you are in arrears since the 20th of June 1885, and that the compliments of the season cannot be extended to you until arrearges are paid.

To all others the Bear that presides in our office extends "A Merry Christmas" and "A Happy New Year."

John C. Decker of North Waterford has had an increase in pension.

E. J. Kneeland of Norway, and Peter Smith, father of Wheelar E. Smith, of West Peru, have been allowed pensions.

Deputy Sheriffs and others are on the anxious seats. It is rumored that J. W. Parker of East Stoneham, is to be jailer and reside at Paris. The old board of deputies with one or two changes will be appointed by Sheriff Wormell.

WEST BETHEL.

Many are suffering from bad colds and sore throats, caused by the sudden changes in the weather.

We had begun to be afraid the people on the north side of the river were getting smarter than we on this side, until we learned that the ferocious wild cat captured there a few weeks ago was only a poor old house cat that had strayed away from home. Since that we have felt better.

Flora J. Wheeler, who is teacher of the grammar school at Gorham, N. H., has returned home on a vacation.

Herbert M. Whitman, of Grover Hill, made his friends of this place a short call last week. He worked at North Sidney through the summer and expects to go to Lewiston to work this winter.

A. S. Bean and Mr. Holt have just received a nice assortment of Christmas goods.

[illegible] is also taking orders for dry goods for Rines Bros. of Portland.

L. E. Knowles, our jolly barber, may be found at his shop every evening except Sunday.

We miss the items from our friend, S. W. P., but hope he may resume his duties as reporter at no distant day. "Munn" too seems to be among the things that were. We hope nothing serious has befallen him.

Our village school is progressing finely under the instruction of Frank E. Stevens. We are to have a long school this winter as this district and the next one below us are united.

Grace E. Grover is teaching in district No. 5. It is her first term and we wish her success.

Uncle George Grover, one of our most aged citizens, has been quite feeble of late.

The Androscoggin is frozen over, so they are now able to cross with heavy teams.

A. S. Bean's teams are busy hauling birch from the Bog.

Harold P. Chapman will visit this place with fresh meat every Wednesday, during the winter.

A. P. Mason, who has been at work for the Grand Trunk Railroad Co., at Danville Junction for some months past, has returned home and is now enjoying the fruits of his labor.

E. P. Grover is having a singing school at the school house. It is just what has been needed at this place for some time, and we hope all who have any interest in singing will attend.

A. L. Chaplin, who is clerk at A. S. Bean's store, is away on a vacation.

The lyceums here have not met with very good success thus far, on account of the bad weather, so the committee concluded to change from Thursday to Wednesday evening this week, with the hope of better luck.

Minnie E. Wheeler intends to return to Bates' College in January.

W. H. Merrow keeps himself busy stuffing birds and animals. He has a nice collection of all kinks in very life-like positions.

Jennie Mills is at work at the boarding house in place of Jennie Hapgood who has gone to Albany. DINAH.

BRYANT'S POND.

Mrs. Nellie Rawson returned home from Kent's Hill last Monday, where she has been visiting friends.

Annie Gilbert has returned from Massachusetts, where she has been attending school.

A large crew of men, mostly Frenchmen, are engaged in cutting and hauling wood and timber among the mountains of northeastern Woodstock.

Mrs. Elijah Day is improving in health slowly.

Walter Bacon is going to do chores for Al. Irish and attend school in that district.

Dora B. York has commenced her second term of school in Shadigee.

C. P. Kimball has five weeks more of school at Pinhook, when he will commence another term at South Bethel. CLINTON.

Captain Mitchell, of the bark Antoine Sala, New York and Havana trade, came home in May, entirely helpless with rheumatism. He went to the mountains, but receiving no benefit, at his wife's request began to take Hood's Sarsaparilla. He immediately began to improve; in two months his rheumatism was all gone, and he sailed in command of his vessel a well man. Hood's Sarsaparilla will help you. Sold by all druggists.

DIXFIELD.

Mrs. Benjamin Leavitt died the 13th. Mrs. Leavitt had for a long time been a great sufferer from cancer. She leaves a husband and one son to mourn her loss.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Foster who have been sick with pneumonia are both improving.

Mrs. Charlotte Harvey has been sick of late. She is better now.

There was a ladies fair at the National House Hall Thursday eve, Dec. 24th, after which there was a grand ball at Grange Hall. Music by Towle's Orchestra of Canton.

There is to be a Christmas tree at the National House Hall, Friday eve, Dec. 25th.

Those in want of a very pleasantly located stand in Dixfield will please call on or address A. W. Smith.

Dr. Bridgham of Buckfield was in town last week.

B. W. Benson, of Augusta, is in town.

W. W. Harnden, of Newcastle, was in town a few days since.

A peculiar kind of animal visited F. B. Smith's hen roost some two weeks ago and carried away a number of good fat hens, particulars of which will be given later. SMIT.

PARIS HILL.

No Christmas trees this year.

Stowe Crocker is at home from Bowdoin College.

Ex-Gov. Perham and family left for Washington, D. C., last Monday.

George L. Merrill, of Searsport, was in town last week.

ALBANY.

Mr. McIntire passed the Corner Sunday with a large drove of sheep.

Dea. Esrom Kimball of this town, who is now 78 years of age, was at the Corner one day last week for the first time in ten years, although living only about three miles away.

Fred Bailey of Bridgton was in town one day last week.

Mrs. Freeland Bird, who has been sick for a few days, is improving.

James A. Kimball has finished sawing his birch and has commenced drawing it to Crooked River.

Herbert I. Bean and his brother Amos have been baiting foxes this winter. They have built a camp where they intend to watch for them, and if Reynard, as shy as he proverbially is, should be so unwise as to come in range of their guns he will not be likely to make a second visit for they seldom miss the target.

Amos Barker is now at work for Fred Bailey of Bridgton in his blacksmith shop.

John Wyman of Norway Lake was in town Monday.

Mary Barker of Albany, who has been visiting her brother at East Waterford, came home last Saturday.

William W. Bird is now at work on his job drawing cord wood for Tyler Cole.

SOUTH WATERFORD.

A very pleasant social gathering at the residence of L. P. Rowe on Thursday evening of last week, it being the twenty-fifth anniversary of their marriage. The severe storm caused the number there to be somewhat smaller than it would otherwise have been. A splendid collation was served and those present enjoyed the evening very much.

Frank W. Sanderson has just returned from Mass. where he has been to testify in the Groton murder trial just closed at Cambridge.

There will be Christmas trees and an entertainment for the children at the hall on Christmas evening. All are invited.

The wife of J. Morris Howe is still in feeble health though somewhat improved from a few weeks since.

C. P. Jordan's team and also C. O. Brown with his team will go into the woods very soon, having taken a job up country.

NORTH PARIS.

There has been quite a stir for oxen and and young stock about this vicinity for the past two weeks but the call has not diminished the amount of cattle.

P. A. Crawford has the largest and nicest lot of fur on hand that has been seen about here for many years. He is doing an extensive business, making shipments every day or so and receiving consignments from all parts of our northern states.

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There is to be a Christmas tree in this place Friday night. Santa Claus is going to do his best best for the boys and girls this year so every one attend who can and see what he has got for you.

There was a social gathering at Eugene Curtis' last Friday eve. It was an enjoyable time.

Lucy A. Andrews is visiting her brother in Portland and is to spend Christmas with him.

Jumbo has been found and Perley Crawford is driving him but it is a horse instead of an elephant. He stands 17½ hands high and weighs about 1400 lbs. and is a hard fellow to beat on the road.

Joseph Littlehale has returned from Florida, disgusted with the climate and soil and believes that none surpasses old Maine in everything. Guess Joe is about right. DICK.

LOCKE'S MILLS.

V. A. Dunn discovered one day last week that his hens came up missing. He lost three. On looking his henery over he found two coons which he shot. When dressed they weighed 12 lbs. each.

Mellen K. Hamblin from Lisbon is visiting relatives and friends at Bean's Corner.

Isley I. Young has a very promising six months old Victor Pachen colt. He weighs 505 lbs. and stands 13½ hands high.

Rev. Mr. Sylvester from Bethel Hill will preach in the new church at Locke's Mills Dec. 26th at 2 o'clock p. m.

Rev. L. H. Tabor from Bryant's Pond will preach in the new church Locke's Mills Jan. 2, 1887 at 11 o'clock a. m.

It is expected the Salvationists will open at Locke's Mills soon. They were to come last week but on account of the storm did not put in an appearance. B.

The weather is fine for the time of year.

They have commenced hauling wood from Mt. Abram to the depot to be sent away on the cars.

Mrs. J. E. Neals and Master Willie of Gorham, N. H., have been visiting the past week at her grandmother's, Mrs. Irene Hobbs'.

Jesse F. Libby, principal of the High School at Gorham, N. H., is at home on a two week's vacation.

Mrs. Reuben Rand of Lisbon, is at E. E. Rand's.

Christmas tree and festival at the Mt. Abram House hall next Friday eve.

Please allow me to correct your correspondent B. in your issue of Dec. 10th in regard to Roscoe Cummings' child living with his grandfather in Poland. He has lived away from home three years but with his aunt, Mrs. Jacob Suberling of Minot near Mechanic Falls.

The Tebbetts M'f'g Co. have a lady book-keeper, Clara Bucknam.

J. H. Estes has bought a yoke of oxen of T. R. Day.

Charles Lapham and A. J. Ayers are cutting and hauling birch to the steam mill for Stephen Rowe from his lot in Greenwood. L. M.

NORWAY LAKE.

Mrs. Hiram Hathaway when at South Paris a week ago Wednesday had the misfortune to fall and break her right wrist. Mr. Hathaway is suffering much pain from a scrofula sore on his throat. They have the heartfelt sympathy of a large circle of friends in their double affliction.

Mrs. Frank Green and Mertie Green are quite ill.

Mrs. J. C. Saunders is more comfortable.

Emma Stevens is sick with throat and lung trouble.

Ada Tucker is at home on a week's vacation.

LOVELL.

The Cong'l circle of the village met on Wednesday with Mrs. Isaac Davis. There were over one hundred present.

On Dec. 9th, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year in Delta Lodge No. 153 F. & A.:—E. C. Walker, W. M.; Seth Walker, S. W.; A. J. Eastman, J. W.; W. M. Benton, Sec.; H. G. Walker, Treas.; J. A. Farrington, S. D.; J. H. Walker, J. D. After the election a very fine supper was served at the American House by Mr. Bennis, at which sixty-five sat down. D. D. G. M. Howard Brackett of Cornish was present.

There is to be a Christmas festival and tree at the village on Friday evening and one at the Christian church at the Center on Saturday eve. C. K. C.

NORWAY CENTER.

Mrs. Albert Coffin's father whom she cared for the last week of his life was buried last Sabbath.

Adna Hobbs, who was on the sick list for a week is now recovering.

Edmund Green has sold one of his horses and bought another yoke of steers.

GREENWOOD.

Dana B. Grant, taxidermist, has one of finest collections of birds, animals and reptiles we have ever seen. So true and life-like as to cause one to shudder. Mr. Grant wishes to exchange his farm for a stand or some other village property.

We visited the town farm as usual where we found everything a pattern of neatness and frugality out of doors and in. There are but three inmates at present. It is truly pleasing to see how kindly these friendless and demented creatures are cared for and how patiently their frantic and mad assaults are received. We think this hardly a fit place for one of the number who we fear may sooner or later do serious harm.

Business is rather dull at present, there is some poplar to be hauled but nothing farther.

Snow is deep on Patch Mountain.

Jonathan Yates is very sick. MARK TAPLEY.

OXFORD.

P. C. Hall, esq., has moved to Peabody, Mass.

Bert Eaton and Charles Andrews are out with an advertising sheet—"The Oxford Eagle."

We have also received the "Christmas Greeting," published by King & Holmes. It is a neat little sheet filled with spicy humor.

Sleding is good and large quantities of wood are coming into town.

John Grant recently killed two pigs six months old, their combined weight being 626 lbs.

William Faunce has exchanged his old family horse with I. A. Caldwell for a fine colt. MARK TAPLEY.

Oxford Cornet Band gave their annual concert at School House Hall Wednesday evening. They were assisted by Hebron Male Quartette. The following was the programme:

Overture,	Zeleska, Riply.
Quartette,	Onward March.
Rosedale Waltz,	Southworth.
Quartette,	What She Said.
Tenor Solo,	The Old Bachelor, F. S. Pike.
Alto Solo,	Laurel, Riply.
Quartette,	Over the Water.
Quartette,	Soldier's March.
Waltz,	Blonde and Brunette, McCash.
Tenor Solo,	Oollcking Old Man, H. B. Sturtevant.
Quartette,	Old Farmer John.
Marengo,	Baritone Obligato, Reeves.

MILTON PLANTATION.

James P. Elliott, M. D., moved from his summer residence on Zircon Hill, on Dec. 1st, and opened a medical office at South Paris.

Alvin B. Lovejoy of Zircon Hill recently killed a hog that weighed 410 pounds when dressed.

Herbert Penley has taken a contract to haul a large lot of lumber this winter for Mr. Foster at $2.50 per 1000 feet of logs.

The winter term of the primary school on Zircon Hill has closed a very successful term of ten weeks, under the instruction of Villia L. Thompson, a young teacher of rare merit.

CASCO.

Fox hunting is all the rage just now, and one poor lone Reynard has bit the dust, at the hands of W. F. Burgess. Still there's more to follow (after).

A deer has been seen several times late the village, when near the house of Peter Jordan the deer was seen to cross the road.

I often see in different papers where some writers in speaking of a death, use such language as this: "leaving a large circle of friends to mourn his or her loss." Now is it his loss or the friends'.

Ed. Scribner has lately improved his building by putting in new doors to his wood house.

The Casco Band have got a drummer now that will be likely to stick. Will Pinkham has taken the sticks, and the old drummer is selling onions.

I understand that County Commissioner-elect Tolman contemplates moving to Portland. If so, we shall be left without a lawyer. Who will come in?

There will be a Christmas tree in this village on Saturday evening and one at Cook's Mills on Friday evening.

There is to be a drama at Webb's Mills on Saturday night, entitled "Turn of the Tide." E. P. U.

GILEAD.

J. W. Bennett's Portland teams on the 15th, twenty horses.

J. W. Kimball has bought him a horse, and has it to work on his birch job which he and P. B. Heath took of J. P. Skillings.

E. R. Bennett was on the sick list last week.

Sledding is good and business has commenced in earnest.

Whitman & Pike have rented their stand, recently purchased of J. N. Willey, to W. E. & J. P. Skillings.

O. J. Cole was on the sick list week with a bad cold.

Ola Lary's mumps proved to be a sore on her neck. She is some better now.

There will be a Christmas entertainment at the church to-morrow evening.

Etta Pike has been home to Woodstock for a week.

Mr. Rand was in town last week, he drove up a pair of oxen for J. P. Skillings. MUNN.

OTISFIELD GORE.

The officers of Crooked River Grange for the ensuing year are as follows: W. W. Andrews, Master; A. F. Chute, Overseer; G. L. Weston, Lecturer; Almon Haskell, Steward; Charles Harlow, Asst. Steward; C. F. Brett, Chaplain; N. Pinkham, Secretary; Mrs. Charles Harlow, Treasurer; I. Green, Gate Keeper; Mrs. S. L. Weston, Pomona; Mrs. A. F. Chute, Ceres; Mrs. Cyrus Haskell, Flora; Mrs. W. W. Andrews, Lady Asst. Steward.

J. Henry Edwards has gone to Florida.

N. W. Green has bought a horse.

Jacob Whitman and William Herrick have engaged to cut one hundred cords of wood for D. L. Brett.

L. N. Thurlow is building a house in the woods on the Libby lot near his coal-kiln, which is to be occupied by a Mr. Tripp.

D. L. Brett has a crew of Frenchmen in the woods getting out railroad ties.

Preaching at the school house next Sabbath. I.

SWEDEN.

Mrs. Anna, the widow of the late Geo. Maxwell, died Dec. 10th. Funeral services were held at the family residence the following Sabbath at 10 o'clock a. m., by Rev. Mr. Abbott.

Isaac Eastman is in poor health. He is about 83 years old and has been considered a smart old gentleman until of late.

Moses C. Brown, another old gentleman has been feeble for the last eight months. He and Mr. Eastman are nearly of the same age.

E. W. Bennett is about to increase his mill business by putting in a board machine, and by making boxes for the Harrison and Norway corn packing companies.

Very many of our people plant sweet corn wholly or nearly so, but we find occasionally a chamber of nice yellow corn which is good to look at. Such a one is found at James I. and Asa Sawyers as we saw a short time ago. This grew on three-fourths of an acre of land. There were about one hundred and twenty bushels of long, nice ears, of the eight-rowed variety with very large kernels and small cobs. We think it would be much nicer, if not better, were there a much larger number of well filled corn cribs in town.

S. Jason Marr is in Baldwinsville, Mass., engaged in mill work for the season.

Robert W. Locklin, with a lot of hands has gone into the backwoods for a winter's job.

Al. Dyer has been around settling up, and will not run the grocery cart through this town any more at present.

The M. E. Ladies' Circle held their last meeting with Mrs. Dorcas E. Bennett. A very fair attendance in numbers, and every one tried to do their part for a good time. Singing by the many and the few. Instrumental music by Alma Holden, Flora Maxwell and Isa Smart. Recitations by Maud Young, Edith Stearns, Maud Pendexter and Alma Holden. And a good time it was. The next Circle will be with the wife of the Methodist pastor at South Waterford, Dec. 29th, afternoon and evening. All are invited to attend.

Perry Farrington is now with his friends in this town for a short time and all are happy to meet him.

ANDOVER.

Lineoln Dresser is in town. He has not been here for nine years, has been in the midst of the silver mining regions of Colorado. He tells some very interesting and thrilling stories of his adventures in that country.

Christmas goods, Christmas entertainments and Christmas trees are the order of the day. A Christmas tree at each of the churches.

Ida Pressepher of Lowell, Mass., is visiting at her mother's, Mrs. L. M. Hervey.

Mrs. D. H. Newhall has gone to Rumford to visit her son, H. E. Hutchins.

Samuel Bettan has returned from Philadelphia. NED.

John A. French caught with his hound three foxes in one day last week.

The East Andover Dramatic Club on last Friday evening repeated the drama, "Down by the Sea." The entertainment was given for the benefit of the Andover Brass Band.

We are pleased to see our old trader, John H. Wardwell back with us again.

On last Sunday evening the Methodist society gave their Sunday School concert at their church. It was gratifying to hear the children recite and the exercises for the evening passed off exceedingly well. The following was the program:—

Opening Hymn,	"Come with the best of blessings."
Prayer by the Pastor.	
Responsive Exercises,	School.
Scripture Recitations,	Adult Scholars.
Recitation,	"Sowing and Reaping," Bessie Akers.
Singing,	"More of Thy Spirit," School.
Concert Exercise,	"THE ENTRE OF THE SPIRIT."
Love, Scripture,	Mrs. Richards.
" Recitation,	"The Hearts Charity," Chester Swett.
Joy, Scripture,	Mrs. Kennison.
" Recitation,	"Our Ray of Hope," Agnes Chapman.
Peace, Scripture,	Mrs. Stewart.
" Recitation,	"In His Keeping," Lottie Chapman.
Long-suffering, Scripture,	Mrs. Hanson.
" Recitation,	"Little Pilgrims," Louis Hall.
Gentleness, Scripture,	Mrs. Farrington.
" Recitation,	"Gentleness" Millie Burgess.
Goodness, Scripture,	Mrs. Swett.
" Recitation,	"How to Live" Bertie Burgess.
Singing,	"What are the Fruits?" School.
Faith, Scripture,	Abbie Hanson.
" Recitation,	"Faith Our Shield" Alfred Coffran.
Meekness, Scripture,	Mrs. Corson.
" Recitation,	"Meekness and Humility," Emma Hutchins.
Temperance, Scripture,	Mrs. Akers.
" Recitation,	"The Good Ship," Isora Swett.
Singing,	"Danger Lurketh in the Wine Cup," School.
Recitation,	"The Blacksmith's Dinner," Manford Merrill.
" - - - -	Charlie Burgess.
Instrumental Music, flute and organ.	
Recitation,	"The Blessing of Song," Bertie and Millie Burgess.
Recitation,	"Four Little Boys" Susie Wyman.
Quartette,	"Christ Is King." Margie Burgess
Recitation,	Bertie, Millie, Charlie and Margie Burgess.
Responsive Exercise,	School.
Closing Hymn.	

FRYEBURG.

Russell Page, an old and respected citizen of this village, died last Friday evening aged 81 years and 8 months. Funeral was Wednesday and was attended by Rev. Mr. Roberts of the M. E. church.

Frank B. Gee is attending medical lectures in New York.

The meetings under the charge of Mr. Quimby have been held at the M. E. church this week.

Mr. F. Shirley of Shirley & Consins has sold out to Nutter & Kimball.

There will be a Christmas tree at the M. E. church Friday evening and at the Cong'l vestry Saturday evening, also a play by the children.

The Telephone is in working order between this village and North Conway.

The number of students at the Academy increases daily.

Messrs. Cole, Shirley and Harriman have returned from Bowdoin College for the winter vacation. J.

KEZAR FALLS.

Mrs. Olive Gould has moved down with her daughter, Mrs. Simon Stanley to stay this winter.

Simon Stanley has gone to work for S. P. Fox of Moultonboro as boss in the logging swamp.

Elmer Holmes and wife are stopping with John Stanley.

John Bradbury, of Boston, is visiting friends in this place.

Xmas tree at the vestry of the M. E. church Friday eve.

Jacob Stanley & Co. have dissolved, A. W. Stanley buying out Jordan Stacy. It is reported that they are to put in a line of groceries.

John Dodge has moved from South Hiram to Kezar Falls.

A. W. Stanley is going to move to South Hiram.

If the lectures continue to leave one another as far behind as James left Bashford, the first lecture will be like a drop of rain in our last snow storm.

Albion Benton died Sunday and was buried from the M. E. church Tuesday. The services were conducted by H. F. Snow of Cornish.

Elijah Walker has made arrangements through the agency of Clinton Cole of Boston, to dispose of several hundred Christmas trees.

Many children are troubled with throat distemper. Children keep your feet dry.

Some talk of a corn factory at this place; 70 acres of corn will bring it.

H. B. Maxfield has left this place, Osman Woodbury taking his place in the grist mill. DICK.

HIRAM.

Thomas O. Spring of Chicago, has returned to Hiram after an absence of fourteen years. He and his wife are stopping with his brother, Marshall W.

Frank Tebbetts has moved to Brownfield to remain during the winter with his father, who is aged.

Calvin and Ira Clemons are cutting timber for H. N. Burbank, who has sold a lot to Nathan Sanborn of Baldwin.

Silas Hale is sick.

Now the cold weather is coming on many need a blood remedy to tone up the system. Mrs. R. D. Holden, of Bangor, says, "I have taken Bell's Sarsaparilla a few months and have not been so well for years." (Only 50 cts per bottle.)

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BUCKFIELD.

A sad accident happened in our village last Tuesday. As Mary Mitchell was walking the street some boys were sliding down Loring's Hill, so called, ran their sled against her, throwing her down and injuring her seriously it is feared. She was taken up insensible and carried into Dr. Caldwell's office and attended by two physicians. She laid some time insensible but came out in a measure so they carried her to her grandfather's, H. H. Hutchinson, who has lately moved into the village. Hopes are entertained that she may come out all right. H.

Rheumatism

We doubt if there is, or can be, a specific remedy for rheumatism; but thousands who have suffered its pains have been greatly benefited by Hood's Sarsaparilla. If you have failed to find relief, try this great remedy.

"I was afflicted with rheumatism twenty years. Prayers to 1883 I found no relief, but grew worse, and at one time was almost helpless. Hood's Sarsaparilla did me more good than all the other medicine I ever had." H. T. BALCOM, Shirley Village, Mass.

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Sold by all druggists. $1; six for $5. Made only by C. I. HOOD & CO., Lowell, Mass.

100 Doses One Dollar

A Walking Skeleton.

Mr. E. Springer, of Mechanicsburg, Pa., writes: "I was afflicted with lung fever and abscess on lungs, and reduced to a *walking Skeleton*. Got a free trial bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, which did me so much good that I bought a dollar bottle. After using three bottles, found myself once more a man, completely restored in flesh of 48 lbs." Call at Noyes' Drug Store and get a free trial bottle of this certain cure for all Lung Diseases. Large bottles $1.00.

SOUTH CASCO.

Eugene Watkins is making extensive repairs upon his buildings.

George Watkins is having a fine cottage built on North Street, the work being done by Fred Strout.

W. H. Rolfe has sold his pine timber, estimated at 425,000 feet, to Meserve & Moulton.

James Rolfe of Raymond has bought the Job Mitchell farm. The price paid was $1200.

There will be an exhibition in connection with the Christmas tree in Quakerville Christmas eve. Full particulars next week.

Jordan B. Mitchell gave us a pleasant call last week.

Mrs. Clara Skinner of North Gorham is visiting friends in this neighborhood.

A merry Christmas. J. P. M.

PURE BLOOD

Means health and happiness; bad blood means Scrofula, Canker, Blotches, Salt Rheum, Cancer, Pimples, Boils, Ulcers, Tumors, Black Heads and various other difficulties which are always the outgrowth of impure blood.

REV. THEO. GERRISH is Pastor of the Pine St. M. E. Church, and author of "the Blue and the Gray." A member of his family had a severe case of Canker in Mouth and Stomach, tried in various ways to get relief, at last bought Brown's Sarsaparilla and was cured. Rev. Mr. Gerrish will endorse the above.

MR. G. A. PARCHER, of Ellsworth, is agent for the American Express Co., and owns a drug store. There was in that town an acquaintance of his whose vocation was that of a sailor. From eating salt food he had contracted a bad case of humor, hair came out, face and body covered with blotches. He took one bottle

Brown's Sarsaparilla

and it helped him more than any thing he ever had. When he went to sea a few days ago he bought a large supply and said he should come home a well man.

MR. FRANK CURTIS, the well-known boot and shoe dealer in Bangor, had trouble with Canker in Mouth and Stomach. This caused constant sour stomach, indigestion, etc. Mr. Curtis has for years tried to get rid of this humor, and only succeeded when he began the use of Brown's Sarsaparilla. Mr. Curtis authorizes the use of his name. He is in better health than for years. He says

Brown's Sarsaparilla

is a wonderful medicine for humor.

W. A. JOHNSON is a clothing dealer on Pickering Square, Bangor. "I have had," said Mr Johnson, "a canker or humor about me for a long time, which showed itself in my stomach and mouth and I had a feeling which I can best describe as general debility. Have tried many remedies, and at last bought Brown's Sarsaparilla. I am free to say, that, so far as my experience goes, it is the best thing for purifying the blood known."

If you have any disease arising from impure blood, no matter how serious, you may be sure that Brown's Sarsaparilla will cure you. If not, money will be refunded.

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New Year and Birth Day Cards!
AT THE
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ANY ONE BUYING GOODS IN THIS STORE AT THE
AMOUNT OF 50 CTS.
ON PAYING
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If you are a Yankee for guessing you can get a
NICE PRESENT!
See presents on exhibition.

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One Lot Hats at	62 Cts,	Cost $1.00.	
One Lot " "	37 "	" 75	Cts.
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Trimmed Hats for $1.00 worth $3.00.
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A fine assortment of ribbons and velvets. Felts and Worsted Materials for Fancy Work. Stamping done. Satins for crazy work 50 cts. a yard. Tidies and Children's all wool Hose and Leggins at 37c. and 50 cts. Fur and Feather Trimmings, 4 inches wide from 42c. to 50c. per yard. Lace Flouncing, omething new in Cream, White, Baize, and Black, 40 inches wide, for ball dresses.
Call and examine, no trouble to show goods.

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All persons are forbidden throwing ashes or garbage of any kind in the street or on the side of the street. Hereafter the Nuisance Act will be strictly enforced and all persons please govern themselves accordingly.
22-2 C. W. PARTRIDGE, SURVEYOR.

FREEDOM NOTICE.

This is to certify that on and after this date, I give my son, Edwin J. Gile, his time during his minority. I shall claim none of his earnings or pay any debts of his contracting.
Witness, E. W. SANBORN. JAMES H. GILE.
Stow, Me., Dec. 22, 1886. 52-1

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WE HAVE THE FINEST LINE OF
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OVERCOATS! SUITINGS! OVERCOATS!

Now is the time to get extra bargains in Overcoats and Suitings.

Suits from $5.00 up to $20.00. Custom-Made from $15.00 to $50.00, and Fits guaranteed or no sale. Working Pants 90c., $1.25, 1.50, 1.75 and 2.00. Cardigan Jackets 75c, $1.00, 1.25, 1.50 and 2.00. Fur Caps $1.00, 1.25, 1.75, 2.00, 2.50, 3.00 and 3.50. Leather Jackets $6.00, 7.50 and 8.00.

These are a few of our bargains. Call and examine our stock and get our prices before purchasing, as we can save you money.

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RINGS! RINGS! RINGS!
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Tea Sets, Cake Baskets, Casters, Preserve Dishes, Jelly Dishes, Pickle Dishes, Card Receivers, Vases, Cups, Napkin Rings, Knives, Forks, Spoons, Etc., Etc., from the best Manufacturies selling extremely low.
Plush and Morocco Cases for the above. Goods engraved free to Purchasers.
NEW GOODS! LOW PRICES FOR CASH!
All Goods and work fully warranted and satisfaction guaranteed. Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year, I am,
HILLS, THE NEW JEWELER,
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Oxford County Advertiser.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24, 1886.

NORWAY AND VICINITY.

Nice cranberry beans at Green & Co's.

Fresh candy of all kinds at Green & Co's.

Cora Whitehouse of Mechanic Falls is visiting in town.

John Hazelton's dancing school is largely attended.

For bargains in Christmas goods call at M. E. Woodsum's, 104 Main St.

A Christmas tree in Yagger Friday evening.

From far and near the Christmas buyers come to town.

Shepherd Richardson died at the poor farm Friday of last week.

Christmas and New Year's Cards at Noyes' Drug Store. *

Nathan Hatch tries his hand at engraving. His ad. shows you the result.

Holmes' notes for sale at the ADVERTISER office.

Swan & Cobb are working nights and days finishing hundreds of Photographs each day—mostly Imperials.

The Bridge street hose house has been moved to the rear of the bill-board near Norway Hall.

E. W. Bartlett is prepared to do all kinds of card writing. If you want a nicely written card call on him.

E. E. Millett and H. A. Fuller have a large variety of holiday slippers or slippers suitable for Christmas gifts.

Have you examined the Specimens of Artistic Photography in the Post-office, by Swan & Cobb.

The good sledding is being improved by the farmers, and a large quantity of wood is being marketed.

Don't forget the poultry and dog show at South Paris next week. It promises to be a very fine exhibit.

Charles B. Cummings has lately purchased a lot of standing pine trees of Dr. E. C. Walker.

Dutch, Java, Mocha and Old Gavernment Coffees at Nevers'. Best teas for the money in town.

The people on the east side of the pond have a Christmas tree at Charles Crosby's Saturday evening.

Meader, the veteran hog slayer, recently killed a year old hog for G. W. Russell that weighed 500 pounds.

Maj. Chas. W. Bean is a guest of W. S. Abbott this week. Whoever is entertained by Walter is sure of a good time.

For a choice smoke, best brands of cigars or tobacco, call at Abbott's and you will be suited every time. He has added this week a few choice pipes for Christmas presents. *

Geo. P. Young, of the Fair View Stock Farm, recently killed a full blooded Chester White hog that weighed 728 pounds the second day after it was dressed.

G. P. Young's stallion, standard bred 18 months old colt, "Redemption" weighs 920 pounds. He isn't a draft-horse but a well built, stylish trotter.

Justin Millett and team go to Matallic Brook, Richardson Lake, lumbering this winter. His horses are shod with one and one-fourth flange shoe.

George A. Cole has a pair of yearling steers for sale at a bargain. If any one is in want of such a pair they will do well to call around and see Cole.

Mrs. Cora F. Pike is progressing finely with her vocal lessons in Portland under the instruction of W. H. Dement, one of the finest teachers in New England.

"Uncle" Bailey gracefully held the ribbons behind the gray horse Tuesday afternoon. He says they can't beat him very easily.

The Maine Benefit Association of Auburn has about forty members in Norway. It has been two years in existence and has only had three death assessments. The last one has just been paid.

S. B. & Z. S. Prince have a show window that attracts a good deal of attention. They have a complete line of dry goods and an immense assortment of useful presents.

Ansel C. Bean reports that he is now engaged in bombarding rats at his residence in East Waterford, having caught nine in five nights. Perhaps he better invite the Salvation Army over there, they would drive 'em all out in one night.

Irving Frost recently shot a two horned owl and had it "set-up" by Merrow at West Bethel. The owl measured more than four feet from tip to tip of wings and is a beauty. He makes Mrs. Frost a Christmas present of this piece of statuary.

The succulent bivalve known as the oyster is served in frys, stews or without any cooking whatever, as is also the festive clam in chowders or stews, very palatable either way, at Abbott's. He has also a supply of the fast-becoming-famous Shimmock oyster crackers. *

The ladies of the Cong'l society will hold a weight social at their vestry next Wednesday evening, Dec. 29th. Supper at 6:45, admission 5 cents. The price of supper will be at the rate of 10 cents per cwt. It is expected that the heft of the society with their invited guests will be present promptly at 6:30.

J. H. Haselton is rushing the dance business. He has five schools besides a large number of pupils taking private lessons. John is one of the best dancing teachers in the State and as musician and prompter he is excelled by few if any. We are glad to see him prosper, as he deserves it.

The Salvationists came to Norway last Friday and held meetings for the first time in town. These meetings, under the leadership of the Singing Scout, Capt. T. F. Gardner, assisted by others, have been held at the Methodist church the past week. A goodly number have attended.

There will be a Christmas entertainment and tree at Concert Hall Saturday evening, where the managers, judging from the past, expect to see this generously waited upon, promising not to be behind any previous holiday in the quality of attraction offered. Also there will be a fully equipped Christmas service in the Universalist Church on Sunday at the usual hour of two.

G. W. Russell started last Monday to put up his shovel handle making machinery in his new mill at Wilton, Me. Last week Mr. Russell was at Conway Centre, N. H., taking down and shipping his machinery. He reports that people in Conway are enjoying their usual degree of health and that J. A. Carlton, the trader, has room in his show cases for his jewelry during the holidays. Mr. R. has secured several large contracts for shovel handles and the indications are that the business is to be brisk.

Evie Andrews, formerly clerk in M. M. Phinney's dry goods store in this village, was married to James L. Chapman of Bethel, at her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jonathan Andrews' residence, in Paris Wednesday. Mrs. Lucelia Cummings, a sister of the bride, gave a reception to the many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Chapman at her residence, corner of Main and Pleasant streets in this village, Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock. Of course the bride looked lovely, and the groom though a stranger to most of us won many friends. The presents were numerous and as tokens of esteem were highly appreciated by the recipients. At an early hour the company dispersed to dream over the wedding cake and think of the pleasant evening they had enjoyed.

Engineer S. A. Stevens recently dropped his pocket-book opposite Brooks & Buck's store. He did not discover his loss till he crossed the street to Bennett's meat market and while there he noticed one of George A. Cole's bull pups traveling round eyeing him as though he had a message to deliver. He also saw the dog had something in his mouth that looked like a pocket-book and that it resembled his, but he was not aware that his was gone, but he soon discovered his mistake and that the dog had picked up the book and followed him across the street and was waiting to deliver the book to him. Was it chance, instinct, training or a sense of honesty that led the dog to do it?

Wanted everybody to call at 104 Main St.

Electric lights is the next public enterprise for Norway. It is coming.

Sleds, Baby Sleighs and Toboggans at Noyes' Drug Store. *

Capt. Jona. Blake is confined in doors with erysipelas.

Briar-wood pipes and pipe stems at Nevers'. *

J. C. Bennett & Co. have a new long mean sleigh. It looks prosperous.

Meals at all hours at Nevers' Dining Rooms. Don't go hungry. *

The stores are to be open this (Friday) evening.

Pocket-books, candy and toys at A. J. Nevers'. *

Mrs. Hattie Bolster strated for Lynn last Tuesday where she is to remain a short time.

Come and see the big stick of candy at Green & Co's and guess the weight for 5 cents.

Two tenements to rent. Inquire of Bearce & Stearns at Savings Bank building.

Those who like a good smoke should get a piece of Dill's tobacco at Brooks & Buck's. *

Swan & Cobb will Keep their Studio open Christmas day and finish the work before the New Year.

Remember that the place to buy Christmas candies is at Brooks & Buck's. Two lbs. for 25 cts. *

A J. Bolster has sold a two story double tenement house on the corner of Pine and Hazen Streets, to F. H. Noyes.

Wall pockets, Brackets and Mantle Ornaments at Noyes' Drug and Book Store. *

Rev. Alex. Wiswell preached a good sermon in regard to cheerful obedience from Psalms cxix, 54, last Sabbath.

Fancy grocery, nuts, grapes, raisins, sugar and molasses at Nevers'. *

The dance at New Grange Hall last week was under the management of individuals and not the Good Templars Lodge as has been reported.

The Rhines' made caramels at Nevers'. Try some. Two for a cent. *

Horace Churchill, John Freeman and Wm. M. Shaw recently visited Marshall pond in Hebron and caught 68 pickerels.

First quality of butter can usually be found at A. J. Nevers'. He endeavors to keep the best butter and sell it at a reasonable price. *

Frank Towne found a pair of slippers in the road between Simon Steven, 2d's place and James Crockett's on the Waterford road. The owner can have them by calling at this office.

$50.00 in presents to be given away at 104 Main St.

Henry O. Beal of Kinsley, Kansas, is visiting in town after thirteen years absence. He is a cousin of Gen. G. L. Beal.

Mrs. Dr. N. S. Marshall is in town visiting friends and relatives. She is to return to her home at Mechanic Falls Monday.

J. W. Everett is buying veal and mutton and is paying cash for them. Anything you want for a Christmas dinner can be found at J. W. Everett's. *

There will be a Christmas tree at the vestry of the lower church, Friday evening; also, a Christmas sermon Sunday morning and Sunday school Concert in the evening.

The Salvation Army with Capt. T. F. Gardner, Cadet Ernest, Happy Jennie and others will hold a meeting in Concert Hall Thursday evening. Arrangements are being made to occupy the Shackley store permanently.

The proper authorities say "us we'ans" must not empt ashes or garbage of any kind in or near the street. The law is to be enforced regardless of who it may hit. It seems that the people ought to have regard enough for the good looks and decency of our streets to comply with the above request. See ad.

There will be a Christmas tree at the Methodist church next Saturday evening, Dec. 25th, at 7 o'clock. A Christmas sermon will be preached to the children at this church next Sunday afternoon. The choir singing will be supplemented with a chorus by the children.

J. W. Everett has a mammoth wheel attachment on his sausage grinder. The wheel is about 8 feet in diameter and when it gets to going it will grind up most anything. Everett is shortly to move into his new quarters in the Cole block.

Concert and Ball by the Norway Brass Band to-night. Music for dancing; Young's full Orchestra. Oyster supper at the Beal's House. Gallery tickets, 25 cents. All seats reserved and for sale at S. L. Crockett's. Tickets to floor, $1.00 per couple. Concert at 8 o'clock. Grand March at 9 o'clock.

F. E. Morse of Otisfield came into our office the other day to renew his subscription. He leaned heavily on a cane. Mr. M. was shot twenty-two years ago and the shin bone of the leg was splintered and every now and then pieces of the bone work out and cause a severe lameness and a good deal of pain.

Dr. G. B. Andrews is to locate on Court Street, Auburn, and follow his profession. Dr. Andrews is a graduate of the University of Vermont and is a young man of sterling worth and is bound to succeed. He has practiced in Brownfield, and has attended the Post Graduate College of New York.

More people than could be seated were in attendance at the Temperance meeting in the Methodist church last Sunday evening. The pastor presided and the choir furnished excellent music. Messrs. Knapp, Brown, Chase, Lovejoy, Devine, Dunham, Paige, and the chairman spoke. More than the usual number asked to be excused. The meeting was full of encouraging interest. At the close twenty-eight persons signed the pledge.

The following is the concert program at the Norway Brass Band Concert and Ball at Norway Hall this (Friday) evening.

Joyce's 27th Regiment—March.....Boyer.
Overture—Brandtstreiche, (the jolly Robbers).....Franz Von Suppe.
Mikado—Waltz.....Boettger.
Grand Medley.—Bric-a-Brac.....Jean Missud.
Selection from Maritana.....Wallace.
You and I—Gallop.....Binns.

This concert is under the direction of Frank L. Collins of Portland.

SOUTH PARIS.

Before the next issue of the ADVERTISER the dog and poultry show in this village will have taken place or at least have begun. A good time is anticipated. New Hall has been engaged for the poultry exhibit and Grange Hall by the dog fanciers.

The dummie engine has returned to the Norway Branch. Locomotive No. 432 is still retained at this station as a helping engine under the charge of Engineer Cookson.

Rev. Mr. Keith will preach next Sabbath, Dec. 26th, at the Knights of Labor Hall in this place at 2 p. m.

The Oxford District Lodge Good Templars hold their meeting at South Paris Feb. 2.

The holiday season is fast approaching and the Paris Manufacturing Company are closing up their season's work. They have shipped a large amount of goods notwithstanding they did not begin until late owing to the hinderment of the late fire. Two of their new grades of goods put upon the market for the first time this year, their roll top desks and toboggans have had a large sale and will form a large portion of next year's work.

The officers of W. K. Kimball Post, G. A. R., for the ensuing year are as follows: Captain H. N. Bolster, P. C.; Captain G. C. Pratt, S. V. C.; L. Briggs, J. V. C.; G. Stewart, Quartermaster; O. G Curtis, Chaplain; W. M. Shaw, O. D.; W. B. Stuart, O. G.; O. A. Maxim, Adjutant; George W. Cook, Sergent Major; Frank Maxim, Quartermaster Sergent; C. E. Dwinal, Sentinel.

A refrigerator car of peculiar construction passed through this village last week loaded with butter from A. A. Ayre & Co. Montreal, for England.

Friday morning the mercury was down to 18 below; but it was closely followed Sunday by a thaw.

At a meeting of the Riverside Cemetery Association the old board of officers were elected. The Association has just received a legacy of $300 from the late Henry Rosenburg. The Trust fund now amounts to $2,200.

The village schools begin next week.

The stores have put on their holiday appearance and Santa Claus seemingly has left a large amount of Christmas goods on exhibition in the store windows.

There is to be an exhibition by the children of the Congregational Sunday School in New Hall Christmas eve, and Christmas trees at the Baptist and Methodist churches.

Frank Snell got caught in the machinery at the sled factory last week and his apron was mortally wounded.

The South Paris Band has suspended practice for the winter months.

A number of our citizens wish to be set off from the corporation and a petition to that effect has been circulated.

Fannie Hersey, who has been sick at her home in Sumner for several weeks, has returned to this village.

We hear that Frank Knapp of this village has received an advantageous offer to play in an orchestra in Boston.

The past week the Congressional Committee has been maturing the railroad regulation bill, and its enactment is regarded as certain. This bill is of interest to the people of this village as it will apply to the Grand Trunk as well as to roads wholly within the United States. This bill prohibits the charging of more for freight from Chicago and other points west to this village than to Portland or other competing points east, as at present. Much complaint has been made heretofore against this unjust discrimination.

An alarm of fire was raised on Hill street Thursday night. The blaze proved to be John Martin's chimney and no damage was done.

Why not illuminate our streets with electric lights? The village of Fairfield has three hundred lights which according to the Lewiston *Journal* cost but three cents per light a night. A number of the private individuals and stores in that village are lighted by electricity: and the dynamo is run by water power.

Mrs. Hiram Hathaway of Norway, in ascending the steps of the Andrews House Wednesday, slipped and broke both bones of the forearm near the wrist.

Photographer Stephens of Buckfield, was in town Monday taking views.

W. F. Stone of Portland, was in town last week.

Fred Taylor, barber at the Paris House is to open a shop at Norway.

Deputy Sheriff John Chadbourne, of Oxford, was in town Monday.

G. H. Porter is visiting Sherbrooke, Canada.

Hon. A. O. Pike of Fryeburg, was in town last week.

Prof. Sargent of Hebron Academy, was in town Monday.

WHITTEMORE DIST.—Fred Cooper of Back street is hauling poplar timber to King's mill. We understand there is considerable poplar being prepared in this vicinity to haul to Mr. K.'s mill.

Mrs. Charles Benson is sick with erysipelas.

H. E. Chase and wife are attending State Grange at Augusta this week.

W. H. Cole sold one pair of oxen and Austin Royal, two pair to a man from Connecticut a few days ago.

Charlie Merrill is hauling wood fitted for stove use to South Paris.

Next meeting of Paris grange Jan. 1st. Officers elected for the coming year by Paris grange are as follows:—Master, H. E. Chase; Overseer, W. K. Green; Lecturer, C. A. Briggs; Steward, H. E. Bonney; Asst. Steward, F. C. Ryerson; Chap. J. Briggs; Treas., J. H. Winslow; Sec., T. Edwards; Gate Keeper, L. Whitman; Pomona, Mrs. H. E. Chase; Flora, Mrs. O. G. Curtis; Ceres, Mrs. H. A. Fuller; L. A. S., Mrs. A. Andrews.

HIGH STREET.—James Porter entertained a number of young friends at his home one evening last week. A good time seemed to be enjoyed by all present.

Our winter term of school is in progress. Orrin L. Stone is teaching school in Richardson Hollow in Greenwood. DART.

BETHEL.

They say "That steam was put on the boiler of the chair factory for the first time last Tuesday, and that everything worked like a charm, if the concern did cost the town of Bethel $8,000.

That a car load of parts of chair frames, etc., arrived at the station Tuesday.

That Clint Barker is always to be found at his shop ready to do all kinds of job work, new rubbering wringers, filing saws, and almost anything else.

That Mr. Corliss, the new photograph artist, who is from Denver, Col., is a little the best artist ever in Bethel.

That Even Barker will winter in South Framingham, Mass., with friends.

That William Hastings has purchased the stock and fixtures, good will, and real estate of Mr. Brock, to take possession the first of January. And that Herbert Hastings will be our up-town hardware man in future.

That Mr. Barrett of Paris, is paying 45 cents a bushel for potatoes at Locke's Mills, the last three days of this week and is also paying $1.50 for winter apples per barrel.

That Mrs. Knapp has taken forcible possession of her husband's home and cleared the house of all objectionable persons.

The children will hold the fort at the Cong'l and Methodist houses with the yearly Christmas trees on Saturday evening.

Your correspondent, J. G. R., is quietly enjoying his second marriage with a descendant of our Pilgrim Fathers of old Plymouth, Mass., and invites all their friends to call on them at their home in Greenwood.

Scores of loads of potatoes from far and near are being hauled to John Swan's potato house, many of which get nipped by Jack Frost.

A. T. Rowe of Boston has bought the Ed. Morrell estate on Broad Street.

Maud A. Chapman has returned home from Boston.

Fred Emery is going to sue delinquents if they don't pay up immediately. See his ad.

The winter term of Gould's Academy opened Tuesday, Nov. 30, with fifty-six pupils in attendance, a larger number than has been registered at the opening of a corresponding term since the new building was erected.

Tom Canaugh came home from Berlin, N. H., last Monday with a broken collar bone. A log rolled over him and jammed him severely.

S. F. Gibson has been appointed trial justice, and Elijah B. Goddard, coroner.

The *Journal* says:—Mrs. Catherine Skillings, of Bethel, who attempted to commit suicide in the Grand Union Hotel New York, Dec. 2, was arraigned in the Yorkville court Tuesday, and the evidence being insufficient to warrant Justice Smith holding her for trial, she was discharged. Mrs. Skillings stated that she simply took an overdose of chloral, a drug which she had been in the habit of taking to alleviate the pain of neuralgia. The physician who was called in to attend her on the night she was supposed to have tried to commit suicide, stated that she showed symptoms of being addicted to the use of the drug. Mrs. Skillings immediately left for Bethel.

S. A. Brock, the hardware dealer and tin man on Broad street, Bethel, has sold his store and stock to W. W. Hastings of New York, and gives possession the first day of January.

Several Bethel young men are attending Gray Commercial College at Portland. Harry Nason, Ernest Walker and Frank Edwards are among the number.

BOLSTER'S MILLS.

The friends, to the number of seventy-five or so, visited William Abbott and wife on the 6th inst., loaded with presents. It was a "tin wedding" and a good time was enjoyed. Among the presents was a valuable black-walnut extention table.

NORTH NORWAY.

The twenty-fifth wedding anniversary of Rev. and Mrs. J. E. Budden was observed Dec. 21st. Many of their friends in Norway and vicinity were present and brought with them many tokens of love and sympathy. The presents in all amounted to almost fifty dollars. Rev. Mr. Budden is in feeble health.

NORTH WATERFORD.

The young men of this place are getting up a brass band. They have fourteen pieces and quite a number more think of joining soon.

Benj. Jackson has bought the French place of the Sawin brothers, and moved in and is keeping house.

Daniel Warren is feeble and goes out but very little.

Geo. Shedd is teaching singing school in this village.

Merton Kimball, son of A. S. Kimball of Norway, is teaching school in Dist. No. 10.

Waterman & Brown have three four ox teams hauling timber to the big Kezar pond at North Lovell.

Lottie Sawin is home from Bridgton, where she has been at work for the past six months. NED.

EAST HEBRON.

Breaking roads commenced last Tuesday. In some places the drifts were four feet deep.

On Tuesday H. R. and Charles Keene moved H. H. Hutchinson's goods to his new home in Buckfield village.

Arthur Lowell sold his colt to Atwood Farrar, jr., and has bought one of his father, N. Lowell.

The committee on Christmas met in Sure Haven Hall and made choice of the following committees:—On arranging the program, E. F. Whitten, Mrs. A. M. Fogg, Mrs. S. H. Bonney; on obtaining and placing trees, H. R. Keene, A. M. Fogg, F. Gilbert; music, W. H. Berry, Rev. O. F. Keene, Ella M. Berry; on decorating trees, Mrs. T. L. Rogers, Mrs. Willie Downing, Mrs. Cyrus Ramsdell.

Physicians have plenty of practice in this vicinity as many are sick with colds and slow fever.

A very interesting law case brought by Freeman Prince of Auburn against the heirs of the late ——— called a number of witnesses from this vicinity in the blow and storm to Auburn last Thursday. The storm was so severe they all remained in Auburn until Friday morn. Prince plead his case and Wing for the heirs.

EAST STONEHAM.

Last Monday evening as Billsworth Meader, a young man living in this neighborhood, was on his way home from Albany on the road from that town to the four corners, he encountered two men, whom he supposed to be tramps and who manifested intentions of assault or robbery. He struck one of them and managed to escape without injury. It was quite early in the evening, soon after dark. He says he did not know the men but feels confident they meant foul play.

There has been a vacation of two weeks in our district school. Cause, the teacher Geo. Stearns has been sick and unable to be out. Last Monday he resumed teaching.

EAST OTISFIELD.

Farmers in this vicinity are improving the sledding by drawing up their winter's supply of fire-wood.

Frank Spiller has taken a partner, and is running a restaurant in Auburn.

F. Jackson has a very fine lot of cows and other stock.

Charles Scribner and wife have gone to Norway to spend the winter.

Charles Davis has taken the job to haul the timber on the Patch lot.

Charles and Elbridge Wight have dissolved partnership, and have had a division line run through their farm.

RUMFORD FALLS.

S. Wing met with an accident a few days ago. While chopping wood for A. Knight his axe glanced and struck his foot between the large toe and the next small one splitting the foot open four inches back.

There has been quite a stir in stock in this vicinity.

Samuel Richardson intends to move on to his place on Eaton Hill this coming spring.

Joseph Roberts is very sick and fears are entertained that he will not recover.

James Welch has gone into the woods with a span of horses logging.

Henry A. Rolfe, better known as Lawyer Rolfe, has got his pension at last, receiving eleven hundred and eighty dollars with four dollars per month.

A. G. Knight has sold to Lawyer Rolfe a three-year-old Norman colt. Price $200.

It is a decided fact that we are to have a bridge at Kimball's Mills. Clark Huston has made the drills to split the stone for the butments. John Reed of Roxbury is getting out timber for the wood work. H.

HEBRON.

Persian Everett and family have moved to Lewiston.

Dramatic rehearsals two evenings a week at the chapel. The drama "A Social Glass" is being prepared, and will be played here in a few weeks.

Our Supervisor, Prof. Sargent, arrived Wednesday evening, the 15th, visiting schools in town.

Addison Maxim has taken down his old woodshed, and built him a new one this fall.

Paul Howe has had poor luck on his job having broken four axes in cutting ten cords of wood. He started for Gilead Monday morning, where he will drive a four ox team the rest of the winter.

The Hebron Male Quartet went to Oxford Wednesday evening to assist the band in their annual concert.

WEST PERU.

Rev. O. T. Lovejoy preached a very good sermon at the school-house Friday eve, Dec. 17th. He preached at the F. E. Church at the village, from James 1—25. We thought it was a most excellent sermon and found the Sunday-School to be interesting.

The mill in Dist. No. 4 owned by Messrs. Stanley & Walton will soon be in operation. They have purchased a boiler and engine, the boiler is 30 horse power, and the engine 20, vertical. The engine formerly used in their mill was not sufficient to run the machinery.

H. T. Burgess, the trader, has quite a variety of Christmas goods.

Dec. 17th. a bluster. E. P. K.

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BIRTHS.

In West Peru, Dec. 1, to the wife of Preston Austin, twins, one son and daughter.

In Gilead, Dec. 14, to the wife of Robbie Bennett, a son.

In Dixfield, Dec. 16, to the wife of Dr. G. G. Richardson, a daughter.

MARRIAGES.

In Westfield, N. J., Dec. 22, at the First Presbyterian Church, Richard E. Clement of Cranford, N. J., formerly of Norway, and Ellenore Osborn, of Westfield.

In Norway, Dec. 11, by Rev. O. S. Pillsbury, Calvin Kneeland of Gardiner, and Augusta M. Pratt of Norway.

In Paris, Dec. 22, by Rev. Sylvester Hooper James L. Chapman of Bethel, and Evie Andrews of Paris.

DEATHS.

In Otisfield, Dec. 19, Mrs. Lucia, wife of O. V. Edwards, aged about 50 years.

In Fryeburg, Dec. 17, Russell Page, aged 82 years.

In Buckfield, Dec. 18, Amanda, wife of Harrison Dudley, aged 41 years.

In Parsonfield, Dec. 13, Albion P. Benton, formerly of South Hiram, aged 70 years.

In Sweden, Dec. 10, Mrs. Anna Maxwell, aged 88 years.

In Paris, Dec. 19, Mrs. Ida, wife of Klusman Clifford.

In Dixfield, Dec. 13, Mrs. Benjamin Leavitt.

In South Casco, Clement S. Infant son of George W. and Mrs. Rosa A. Dingley, aged 10 months and 12 days.

In Webb's Mills, Dec. 5, Mrs. Anna Small, aged 89 years, 6 months.

In Woodstock, Dec. 10, Mrs. Almira Hacy, aged 57 years.

In Mexico, Dec. 13, Mrs. Delaine Leavitt, aged 62 years.

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Bargains in Towels. 1 lot of Fancy Towels at 8 cts., worth 12½. 1 lot of Fancy all linen extra size at 10, 11½ and 15, fully worth 20 cts. The best bargain of all, 50 doz. extra large size, fancy bordered, netted fringe at only 25 cts., fully worth 50 cts.

Holiday Novelties. Glove Boxes, Work Boxes, Shaving Sets, Hand Mirrors, Toilet Sets, Cuff Boxes, Brush Cases, Tidies, Table Covers, Pillow Shams, all at very low prices.

Bargains in Dress Goods. 1000 yards of all wool Novelty Dress Goods, full 1½ yds. wide, at only 62½ cts. Worth from $7 to $1.50, and all of our other Dress Goods marked down in the same proportion.

Cloaks, Cloaking and Shawls and Skirts marked down fully 33⅓ per cent. to clean up the stock in the next two weeks.

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Ladies' Gents' and Misses' underwear of all kinds marked down 25 per cent. to clean up stock in the next 2 weeks as much as possible. Be sure and see our 35 cts. Ladies' Undervest for it is a bargain never sold less than 50 cts.

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Extra Bargains in Horse Blankets through this sale.

Fur Department. Ladies' Muffs and Collars less than half price to clean up stock.

Ladies' Hoods at bargains for the next two weeks.

Hamburg edges, Laces, Corsets, Gloves and Hosiery all marked down. All marked down to clear up stock as much as possible. Be sure and see our 35 cts. Ladies' Undervest for it is a bargain never sold less than 50 cts.

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The undersigned, a resident and taxpayer of the town of Andover, in the county of Oxford, State of Maine, respectfully requests you to grant him a charter to run a Steamboat on the waters of the Rimmindon Lake, in the county of Oxford, for the purpose of carrying freight and passengers thereon. F. M. THOMAS.
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The jeweled scepter of to-morrow's morn
By new crowned king will proudly be upborne;
Keen now, impatient, rose-clad morning waits
To ope for New Year sun barred golden gates.

And gayly on her way the fair morn drifts
To shower in fields homage gracious gifts.
As now she kisses Old Year's pallid face,
Year oft half glowed beneath her fond embrace.

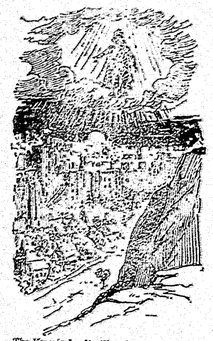
Poor, fallen year! pierced by Time's cruel blade,
A phantom wandering in the past's drear shade
Thou soon will be; in long years six or seven days
Will follow, weeping chanting loud thy praise.

And laurel wreaths to twine thy empty skull,
The world's hands eager, thoughtfully will cull;
And where thou lest on thy snow palled bier
The coming age will drop regretful tear.

Then rest, thou royal Old Year; though the New
We welcome in with loyal hearts and true,
Still art thou dear to all. Rest Old Year, rest,
May the rose of sweet remembrance on thy breast.

And though its colors fade, its crumbling heart
A perfume pure shall subtly o'er impart
Its sweetness to our senses. Have no fear—
Thou will not be forgotten, dear Old Year!

MARIE LEBARON.



The King is dead! Then let me peal
A pean from my tongue of steel,
Hosannahs for the joy we feel
To see in dust his banner trailed,
His sorrow palled, his passion paled,
And hope's bright star once more unveiled,
Let it resound,
Around, around,
A King is dead, a King is crowned.

The King is dead! I, too, would tell
A dirge to His departed soul,
Out in the night, from pole to pole,
O'er deep and desert, mount and vale
Roll, roll it out upon the gale,
Till all earth lists the thrilling tale
In cottage homes
Neath gilded domes
Behold the King!
He comes! He comes!

As the old year blends into the new every mortal stops and gives his enemy, Time, a little respectful consideration. His power is acknowledged; the speed at which he travels is commented upon, if not with approval then with astonishment. His revenges are remembered, and plans are builded for conciliating him. He is admitted to be a formidable foe, and to close in on one eventually, but who can be bribed and cajoled and persuaded into leniency for many a day to come. Most of us try our best to pull the wool over his eyes, and believe we are doing it finely, only to find out at last that we never succeeded.

THE OLD BELL RINGER.

The old cathedral white and silent lies,
Its slender towers pointing to the skies,
Crowned on each pinnacle with heavenly light;
The moon looks down and smiles her silver smile,
Touching the tall forest-trees the while,
Yet breathing such a silence from her height
That we could fancy even an angel's tread
No holier strain upon the air should shed
Than this sweet silence of the midnight night.

'Twas on this day, just thirty years ago,
And all the last lay warm beneath the snow,
(See! higher still the shadows softly steal)
They laid my darling in her narrow bed,
While I upon its brink felt cold and dead,
Bearing a sorrow which no time could heal;
(For a few moments with my weakness bear,
I come to night can cross the snowy square,
Though I must join you in your midnight peal.)

Remember? I remember it so well.
Each tiny snowflake kissed her as it fell
Upon the lovely mound that stood alone;
For hours I dumbly knelt, but could not pray,
And then I turned and went my lonely way—
Missing the hand that used to clasp my own,
Missing the dear face ever at my side;
Had but love in all the world ceased on me?
What wonder that my heart seemed turned to stone?

That night the Old Year died. Some one had said
That I—whose love lay still and dead—
Should ring the birthday chime of the New Year;
So from my loneliness I rose and came—
Would not my grief be everywhere the same?
Ah! you remember it, too. So full and clear
The joyous chime flew on the frosty air!
You wonder I your laughter did not share;
How could you guess this was my wordless prayer?

And that I knew at last my God could hear.
Along and still her grave lay far below,
Covered so softly by the quiet snow,
But far above the dark Lethe of tears,
In brighter joy and purer love, lies she!
And toward this home our happy peal arose;
What wonder I could lift my eyes at last,
And, lifting them, the darkened hour seemed past;
I'm coming, friends; how dim the morn light grows!

Just thirty times, with every new born year,
Have I been one among the ringers here;
And now each face grown less a friend, a foe,
A faithful friend, whose happy voice I love,
The friend who bore my first weak prayer above,
In that great gulf my Father chose to send.
Now my last peal some lonely heart shall cheer;
And then, though dying with the dying year,
I shall have borne His message to the end.

M. C. HAY.

PHIL'S NEW YEAR'S PRESENT

In one of the big buildings in the "downtown" of New York, where the newspapers emanate and the financial wheels that move the whole country revolve, there is a cigar store presided over by a young man known as "Phil." He has a more pretentious name, no doubt, but the customers who buy cigars there have never heard it. His face has been daily reflected in the glittering show cases of that establishment for five years. In describing him it would be enough to say that his principal apparent possessions are a fiery and formidable mustache and a kind heart.

The little newsboys and newsgirls in his neighborhood have learned to be very fond of Phil in the five years they have known him. When the weather is cold they flit in and out of his place of business like stray birds seeking shelter, and they are always welcome. Phil never said a word or wore a look that would cause the raggedest and dirtiest of them to feel that their presence was an intrusion. They fluttered in at all times with rags flying like flaglets over their shivering little bodies and hair falling over their red and grimy faces. They warmed their benumbed fingers and chirruped together, feeling perfectly at home in Phil's shop, and then singly, or in groups, darted out into the cold to pursue the difficult business of earning their bread.

On last New Year's eve, just before Phil was ready to close the store, a party of his little friends rushed in. Their eyes were glowing, and their manner indicated that something unusually exciting was in the wind. The company was headed by a black eyed, baby faced girl, who has no other name than Mary. She had been selling papers on the corner for three years, and when she first began she was so little she could not walk up the steps. Paddy Haggerty was next in the procession. For years his father had a news stand on the corner of Beekman street, and just four weeks before New Year's had dropped dead there. Besides these there were Mickey-the-Pig, Snowball Billy, a fuzzy headed blonde; Becky McGill, Oscar-the-Dude and wee little Bible Jack, so called because he has a hump between his shoulders resembling a family Bible. Yes, and Siplas Johnny was also one of them. He acquired his name from a chronic rash on his face resembling erysipelas.

PRESENTING THE HANDKERCHIEF.

The procession marched up to the counter with an air of mingled mystery and solemnity. Then Paddy Haggerty pulled off the remains of his hat and struck a stagy attitude.

"Phil," he said, "mo an' the rest of us is been about your shop a good while and we's always got used white. You's done lots of decent things by us, and we likes yer. So Mary and the Dude was sayin' as how we might get yer a present for New Year's. When we passed around the hat we got quite a little pot, and Becky and Bible laid it out."

The little Italian girl stepped to the front as Paddy concluded, and from beneath her thin and faded wrap drew a gorgeous old gold silk handkerchief.

"Ain't it a corker?" she said as she handed it over the show case. Phil took it and for a whole minute was silent. Tears stood in his kind eyes, and when he did speak his voice trembled. All he could say was "Thank you, little friends; thank you," and then the small procession faced about and marched out.

Phil sets a higher value on the old gold handkerchief than on any gift he ever received. It represents sincere gratitude and abundant good will.

THE OLD YEAR'S BLESSING.

I am falling from you,
Love, friend, and dear,
O children! I guardian
Of the coming year.

If my gifts [illegible]
Coldly [illegible]
Let the New Year's angel
Bless as I return them yet.

For we work by rhyme,
He and I are one,
Let him end and perfect
All I leave undone.

I brought good desires,
Hearth-and-yet hot seeds;
Let the New Year make them
Blossom into deeds.

I brought joy to brighten
Many happy days;
Let the New Year's angel
Turn it into praise.

If I give you sickness,
If I brought you care,
Let him make one patience
And the other prayer.

Where I brought you sorrow,
Through his care at length,
He may rise triumphant
Into future strength.

If I brought you plenty,
All wealth's bounteous charms
Shall not the new angel
Turn them into alms?

I gave health and leisure,
Skill to dream and plan;
Let him make them nobler
Work for God and man.

If I broke your idols,
Showed you they were dust,
Let him turn the knowledge
Into heavenly trust.

If I brought temptation,
Let him die away,
Into boundless pity
For all hearts that stray.

If your list of errors
Dark and long appears,
Let this new born monarch
Melt them into tears.

May you hold this angel
Dearer than the last—
So I bless his future
While he crowns my past.

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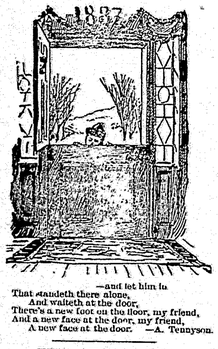

"—and let him in
That standeth there alone,
And waileth at the door.
There's a new foot on the floor, my friend,
And a new face at the door, my friend,
A new face at the door. —A. Tennyson.

THE SWEEPERS.

A NEW YEAR'S STORY WHICH DESCRIBES HOW IT WILL BE.

The evening was clear and cold, the stars smiled down upon earth so fondly that when I looked from my window late in the night I longed to go out under them, and let their benign spell charm away the fret and fever of the day. I went out and walked slowly on and on, feeling the restful influence of the silence and the beauty of the night. A crescent moon glittered in the sky, the myriads of stars blazed in unwonted glory, and the earth slept under a white blanket of snow. As I walked farther and farther in the cold, white silence, the everyday world, with its worry and vexation, fell away from me.

The people of the village slept. Their houses were locked and lightless; the earth itself slept. I only seemed to be awake. But no; another was abroad as well as myself. Not a meditative soul, evidently, for he came toward me whistling and singing cheery songs. He had no vexations to be charmed away in the silence of the night, that was certain. There was a confident ring in his step as he ground his heel into the hard beaten snow of the highway, and there was assertion in the notes he whistled and sang.

As he came in sight I saw that he was an exceedingly spruce youth, with a finely developed figure, and, as near as I could see in the white light of the stars and the snow, a beaming face. He was clad in velvet and fur, dressed with foppish care and nicety, and he carried a brand new broom.

"Good evening," I said, [illegible] we were about to pass each other on the [illegible] row road.

"Evening!" he said, [illegible] cordially. "I never know any such thing. I belong to the morning."

"Has the boy been drinking?" thought I. A second look convinced me that he had not. He stuck the handle of his broom firmly into the snow as he stopped and spoke. I made up my mind that he was a youth brimming over with life and health and superfluous energy. That he was vain any one could see from his walk, his speech and manner. I wanted to prolong the conversation, and for want of a better subject I mentioned the beauty and newness of the broom.

That pleased him. He smiled approvingly, shook the broom triumphantly and said:

"Yes, it's a splendid broom, and it's well that it is, for I have a big contract of sweeping on hand, and am just on my way to begin."

"Your! I look at him incredulously. Was the boy a merry lunatic? Going to do a job of sweeping, clad in velvet and fur? "Have you ever swept any in your life?" I asked.

"No; but I have studied sweeping, studied it in books."

"Ah! and what are you going to sweep, may I ask?"

"Why I'm going to sweep the earth," he said confidently, as he flourished the broom above his head, and then scratched around with it a moment in the snow, merely to show his expertness as a sweeper.

"That's a large contract for a theoretical sweeper," I answered; "I am curious to know something about you."

"Don't recognize me, eh? Well, how could you, since I am not yet born?" And he laughed aloud.

By this time I was convinced that I had met a jolly and extremely original lunatic. As he seemed harmless as well as mirthful, I didn't mind hearing him talk a little. "What particular style of dirt do you intend to sweep off the earth?" I asked.

"Everything offensive and harmful," he replied, in a most positive voice. "All corruption, oppression, dishonesty in high places, and degradation in all places. Yes, and disease; that, too, must go. And poverty also. Everything that is hateful and makes the heart bitter shall be swept away."

He seemed so serious and earnest about it that I pitied him for his delusion. "How [illegible] will it take you to finish such a contract?" I asked, feeling a great compassion for his disordered mind with its humanitarian instincts.

THE NEW SWEEPER.

"Oh, I shall make great changes in a twelvemonth," he said confidently. "The old earth will be another place altogether before long. It needs nothing but a good sweeping. I and my broom will do the work and do it well. Brush off the dirt and a new order of things will inaugurate itself immediately. Look out for universal honesty, good times, safe banks, good wages, clean minded statesmen—but really, I must hurry on, I have an appointment, I begin my sweeping in a few minutes."

"But you haven't told me your name?" I called out as he started on, with his broom on his shoulder.

He looked back, a broad grin on his handsome young face, and answered, "Eighteen Eighty-Seven."

Before I recovered from my astonishment he added, "O, I can sweep; I'll show you," and he went on in his vanity and ignorance. Poor, foolish, inexperienced, happy New Year.

Turning about, I started toward home, and in a moment more I heard the village bells "ring out the old," and "ring in the new."

I had not gone far when I met another traveler, a very different figure from the velvet-lad youth with the confident air who had just left me. He was walking with a tired step, and was bent, as under a burden. As he approached I saw that he was elderly, somewhat broken down, careworn as to countenance, threadbare as to garments, and under one arm he carried a tremendous scroll, and in the other hand the worst wreck of a broom I had ever laid eyes on. "I was impressed," as the chairvoyants say, with the belief that he was Eighteen Eighty-Six, and by that name I accosted him as courteously as I could, and offered him my sympathy.

"Sympathy?" said the old man, laughing till he shook. "Sympathy! Well that is really laughable. Thanks, my good friend, but I don't need it. Your congratulations would be better. If you have any sympathy to throw around recklessly you'd do to my successor. I know the size of the load he has to pick up. That is a fine broom he carries, too. Mine was as good a year ago. Look at it now! Hardly a spear of it remains, and with all its hard usage, I fear I haven't left the earth much cleaner. I found the contract too much for me, though I started in as chipper as he does. I was chock full of reform ideas; but you see how my efforts to clear up the earth have aged me, and how I have scuffed my clothes, as well as my soul. But I'm through with it now, and am going to disembody myself, and look on at the other fellow awhile." His eyes had a humorous sparkle, and he certainly wore a look of happy relief.

"Is it possible that your record is so bulky?" I asked, pointing to his scroll.

"Bulky!" said the old man, with a sarcastic grin. "If you want to know the heft as well as the bulk of it you should glance over it. It is made up of deaths, riots, earthquakes, broken banks, trusted officials going wrong, wrecks, runaways, blow ups, wars, rumors of wars, the overthrow of the Liberal parliament in England, crazy monarchs, foolish aldermen, new recruits for Sing Sing, contested wills, hard times, strikes, suicides, sickness, murders, burglaries, thefts, and nearly every unpleasant thing you could think of. Think of the heartaches represented in this record. The thought of them oppresses me."

THE OLD SWEEPER.

"But you have done some things to felicitate yourself upon, haven't you?" I asked.

"Yes, I think I have," he said, looking pleased. "I set up the Liberty statue in New York harbor; I inaugurated a new political party—I think I have—and I brought a big thought to my mind, which is making people hunt up their souls and take some care of them, as well as of their bodies. I sowed some seed that will not bring forth thistles, mark me, and then I am so thankful that I wasn't a campaign year."

"It is a little melancholy, though, to go away forever, isn't it?"

"Forever!" he repeated, musingly, looking down at the white snow a moment. "Forever! I am not sure that I do. This talk about the continued re-embodiment of souls that is going on now in the western as well as the eastern world—is something I am interested in and it has encouraged. For aught I know I may come again, with a new name and a new body, and further or finish what I have begun here. It is said that all that is dead shall live, and all that lives shall die. Let me quote Edwin Arnold a moment:

What hath been bringeth what shall be, and is,
Worse—better—last for first and first for last;
The angels in the heavens of gladness reap
Fruits of a holy past,
The devils in the under worlds wear out,
Deeds that were wicked in an age gone by,
Nothing of time is lost, nothing is waste with time,
Foul sins grow purged thereby.

Who toiled a slave may come anew a prince
For gentle worthiness and merit won;
Who ruled a king may wander earth in rags,
For things done and undone.

Only while turns this wheel invisible,
No pause, no peace, no staying place can be,
Who mounts may fall, who falls may mount;
the spokes
Go round unceasingly.

He finished, and taking a fresh grip on his ponderous scroll, and using the handle of his worn out broom for a staff, made ready to move on. Then he spoke again: "You, too, my friend, must die and live, and live and die. You may not be an eighty, but you will have changed. You will wear a new face, and be known by a new name. The sunrise comes. Peace be with you. An revoir," and he passed on out of my sight forever.

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OLD WEATHER PREDICTIONS.

If New Year's eve night wind blow south
It betoketh warmth and growth;
If west, much milk, and fish in the sea;
If north, much cold and storms there will be;
If east, the trees will bear much fruit;
If northeast, flee it, man and brute.

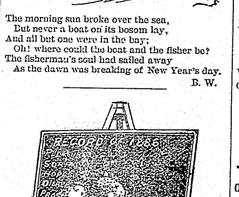
Wind the mighty secrets of the past,
And turn the key of Time!

Write it on your heart that every day is the best day in the year. No man has learned anything rightly until he knows that every day is doomsday.—Emerson.

ON NEW YEAR'S MORN.

A boat sailed out on the ebbing tide,
To toil all night for fish in the sea;
The sails were set as she floated free
And tossed the foaming waves aside;
And the fisherman said as he sailed away,
"I come not back till the break of day."

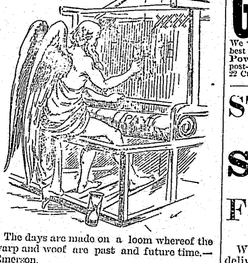
The wind arose and the sea was wild,
And the angry waves obeyed the gale;
The fisherman thought as he furled the sail,
Of a cottage home, of wife and child;
And he said as he toiled, "God, I pray,
Thou wilt keep me safe till the break of day."



The morning sun broke over the sea,
But never a boat on its bosom lay,
And all but one were in the bay:
Oh! where could the boat and the fisher be?
The fisherman's soul had sailed away
As the dawn was breaking of New Year's day.

B. W.

The infant at the blackboard rubbing off the old record is one of us, for we are all children and always will be in wisdom. The idea is not a bad one. Expunge the old record and begin again. The future is always better than the past.



The days are made on a loom whereof the warp and woof are past and future time.—Emerson.

O Time! the beautifier of the dead,
Adorner of the ruin, comforter
And only healer when the heart hath bled—
Time! the corrector where our judgments err,
The test of truth, love—sole philosopher,
For all beside are sophists, from thy thrift,
Which never loses though it doth defer—
Time, the avenger! unto thee I lift
My hands, and eyes, and heart, and crave of thee a gift.

Let evil flits Time 'tween birth and death;
Once—fore, as long as thou hast breath
Of care for two days hold thee free
The day that was and is to be.

New Thought for the New Year.

The new year ought to mean new thought if the old has been oppressive. The new year's resolve has something of the divinity in it, early and often as it is broken. Even the resolve to break off some old habit is a stride forward, a step upward. Every reform, every upbuilding must have its origin in a new thought. A thought lies behind every action.

In making new resolves, nothing is more necessary than to cultivate the art of forgetting. The reason some people are chronically wretched is because, if they had a sorrow, a burden or a disgrace, they are forever thinking about it, and so forever remaining conscious of it. They cling to it in their mind, which is really keeping it alive all the time. Did they but know it, the world would soon forget it if they would allow it to. If they would throw it out of their mind and compel it to stay out it would cease to exist. No human being ever grew upward who nursed his former blunders, failures and sins in his mind.

"How can I forget my woes?" says one. "They inhabit my mind incessantly, and I can't get a minute's respite from their torture." Yes, you can. Bring into your mind now, fresh, good thought and the old, oppressive, soul destroying kind will leave, because it will not feel at home with the new. When you light up a room you don't first try to drive the dark out. You make a light and, lo! the dark is gone. It cannot stay where there is a light. It is the very same with despondent and destructive thought—it leaves when there are no dark corners in the mind for it to lurk in.

Thought is something more than "airy nothing of the brain." It is substance, the finest substance in the universe, the invisible motor of manhood, mentally and physically, it is the behind every movement, every action. Professor Halford says:

"To learn to forget is as necessary and useful as to learn to remember. We think of many things every year which it would be more profitable not to think of at all. To be able to forget it to be able to drive away the unsent force (thought) which is injuring us, and change it for a force (or order of thought) to benefit us. To day thousands on thousands voluntarily of controlling the character of their thought. They allow their minds to drift. They never say of a thought that is troubling them, 'I won't think of it.' On coming to them, they demand what works them ill, and their bodies are made sick by the kind of thought which they allow their minds to fasten on. An ugly or melancholy mood of mind is a debt. It can make us sick, loss to friends and lose us money."

Come resolves that abound on New Year's morning are wise and well. They are the beginning of good resolves. They may fall into ruins before the day is out, but having once entered the mind they will come back again if encouraged.

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